

we reinforced him and worked and sang and prayed together, the tide rose higher until the very last night, when five confessed Christ. Brother Smith continued the meeting over Sunday as I was obliged to leave. If it were not in the midst of harvest, we believe a week or ten days more would have doubled the number.

We found Brother Smith to be a spiritual, talented, tireless, earnest and efficient worker. He is of good report without, clean, pure, unpretentious, of humble spirit, seeks not his own, free from tobacco, oath-bound societies and covetousness. He teaches and lives a high spiritual life. I would to God that all our dear churches would require a high standard of purity and spirituality in the Brethren church. It would be far better to have even a one talented man pure in body, soul and spirit, and separated from ungodly secrecy, than to have a five talented man thus contaminated. O brethren, pray God to raise the standard of *purity and spirituality* among us.

We baptized one more here in the city last Sunday. There were ten others that were received into our home church since our last report. The Lord willing, in a few days we will go to Washington, D. C., and help Brother Lyon in a tent meeting.

I feel it would be well to have a day of fasting and prayer appointed to call down God's Spirit upon our National Conference. What think you?

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#### OUR WASHINGTON CITY LETTER.

On this fifth day of July our people are keeping the "*Fourth*" and are expressing their appreciation of liberty by the usual fire-cracker method. If this custom of burning gun-powder be an evidence of loyalty to country, then surely the fire of patriotism is still freely burning.

But liberty and loyalty mean more than these. In John 8:32, 36, we have the only infallible test. The truth makes us free and we are loyal because we are free, and we are free only because we have been set at liberty by the *Son* who is "the way, the truth, and the life."

Fire-cracker demonstrations count for little. Unfortunately there are too many of that kind in the church. They are famous for *terrific explosions*, make much noise, but when you look for results they are found wanting. What we need most is less demonstration and more execution, less thunder and more lightning. Let us have the "*power*" of Acts 1:8. The root word of power as here used gives us the word dynamite. The dynamite of truth will force its way out—crushed to the

earth, it will rise again, as has been well said long ago.

And now, beloved, let us rejoice together over the glorious fact that the Brethren church not only keeps this *Dynamite of truth in stock*, but is *using it*, and she is not only going to be *heard from* but she will be *felt*.

Some of us are in a position to feel of her spiritual pulse and we do know that she is warming up—getting on fire—the dross is being consumed more and more. I should like to speak more fully on this line, giving my reasons for the assertions, but can not do so now.

Many are still asking: "Do you believe the work there will be a success?" Once for all I answer, *Yes*. Why? First, because God is with us. Matt. 28:20. Failures can not be if we do His word and believe it.

Slowly but surely the truth is advancing, not many accessions so far, but numbers are not always marks of success, neither does the lack of them prove a failure.

We have two more applicants for baptism, one of these a minister from another church. I believe a rich harvest will be reaped as soon as our present plans materialize, but we must "learn to labor and to wait."

I am sorry that we have not been well enough equipped to open and sustain a mission after the plan of the Chicago mission. Brother McFaden certainly has the proper plan. Our missions should be thrown open every night in the year, but that means not only a number of well trained, consecrated, spirit filled workers, but it also means more money—much more than is required to simply conduct religious services on Sundays.

Brethren, pray that the Lord may open the way for a church building. I know He is rich enough. Don't you believe He is *willing*?

So long as we are necessitated to rent halls and can have no church home of our own, the work must be necessarily slow.

When the church at large becomes more fully aroused to mission work, it will then be no trouble, not only to raise money with which to meet current expenses, but church buildings will be supplied everywhere. Who would want to take charge of a farm, no matter how good the land might be, if there were no improvements on it—no barn, no buildings of any kind?

Bro. McFaden tells of some "converted chickens" from Penna., doing mission work in Chicago. It makes me feel good to hear that. As well as we preachers like to eat chickens, I would much prefer

to deny myself that pleasure and let them go out as *missionaries*.

Long ago some one said, "If we get religion rightly, even the cows and the horses will find it out." Why not include the chickens and the turkeys?

Another item I would mention by way of encouragement: A certain Bible teacher of this city—a very able one, too, altho not a regular ordained minister, has been led to adopt and now practices trine immersion, believing it to be the baptism of the New Testament, but as yet, he has not been able to see clearly enough to accept *all* of the distinctive doctrines of the primitive church as taught and observed by the Brethren.

The weather is extremely warm now and many people are leaving the city for the summer, yet our congregation is fair and our Sunday school doing a good work. I must now close, asking the prayers of all the faithful.

Yours in Him,

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#### BURN'S CHAPEL, IND.

We do not report very often from this place, but the work is going on, for which we praise God. Since our last report there has one been added to the church by baptism, and we had a very pleasant and soul refreshing season at our spring communion, of which there were fifty-one that partook. Brother D. A. Hopkins was with us at the time. Our Sunday-school is progressing nicely, and our S. S. of C. E. is still doing a good work. We held our third quarterly business meeting a few days ago. We hired our pastor, B. H. Flora for another year, also elected him as our Elder, and appointed him as our delegate to the National Conference. We are making arrangements to build a new church house, which we need very badly. We are working earnestly to get it accomplished. We ask an interest in the prayers of all God's people.

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#### PLEASANT HILL, O.

Looking over the EVANGELIST and seeing nothing of our meeting, I thought I would write once again. Brother Summers came to our place on June 4, and had meeting on Friday night, and intended to hold meeting over Sunday, but was called away on Saturday morning to preach a funeral, so you see we live in a land of disappointments, and it was indeed a disappointment to us, it being his last time at our place. Came back on Monday. In the afternoon we met at the river side, where four precious souls were buried with